

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP
FOR
TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE SANTA ANA RIVER BASIN
WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN (BASIN PLAN)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) will hold a public workshop to consider issues for the Triennial Review of the Water Quality Control Plan for the Santa Ana River Basin (Basin Plan). The purpose of this workshop is to review Board staff's Draft Triennial Review Priority List and to take public comments and suggestions on issues the Regional Board should consider for future Basin Plan amendments, and the priority order in which these issues should be studied. The public workshop will be held at the regularly scheduled Regional Board meeting on April 26, 2002, at the following time and location:

DATE: April 26, 2002
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: City of Corona Council Chambers
815 W. 6th Street,
Corona, California

DISCUSSION

The Santa Ana Region includes the Santa Ana River watershed portions of San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties, as well as those parts of Orange County tributary to the San Gabriel River and to Newport Bay, and all coastal drainages between Seal Beach and Crystal Cove. The Basin Plan describes water quality beneficial uses and objectives for waters within the region, and establishes programs to protect those standards. Because of changes in technologies, policies and geographic characteristics of the region over time, the Basin Plan is periodically reviewed and amended, in accordance with state and federal law. Section 13240 of the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act states that "Each regional board shall formulate and adopt water quality control plans for all areas within the region... During the process of formulating such plans the regional boards shall consult with and consider the recommendations of affected state and local agencies. Such plans shall be periodically reviewed and may be revised." Section 303(c)(1) of the Federal Clean Water Act states that the "water pollution control agency of such State shall from time to time (but at least once each three year period...) hold public hearings for the purpose of reviewing applicable water quality standards and, as appropriate, modifying and adopting standards." The last Triennial Review of the Basin Plan was completed in 1998.

Regional Board staff has prepared a tentative list of water quality issues to be considered in the current Triennial Review. Some of these issues were identified during the 1998 Triennial Review process, but because of funding constraints were not completed. Water quality issues proposed for this Triennial Review generally fall into the following categories:

- Address the findings of the Nitrogen/Total Dissolved Solids study
- Incorporate newly adopted or revised Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)
- Review/revise beneficial uses for select water bodies
- Review/revise water quality objectives for select water bodies
- Add water bodies to the Basin Plan and designate new reaches of select water bodies, as appropriate

- Establish water quality objectives for select water bodies
- Review/update selected Basin Plan chapters, primarily Chapter 5, Implementation

The Regional Board's consideration of this matter will lead to formal adoption of a prioritized list of triennial review issues. The Board-adopted Triennial Review List will direct staff resources for Basin Planning through the 2004-05 fiscal year. This review does not necessarily mean that any revision will be made to the Basin Plan. After investigation by Regional Board staff of the identified priority issues, Basin Plan amendments may be proposed.

The draft Triennial Review Priority List and Discussion of Issues will be available after February 15, 2002. A copy of these documents may be obtained upon request to Regional Board staff at (909) 782-4130 or obtained by sending an e-mail request to dwoelfel@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov or to krose@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov. Alternatively, these documents may be reviewed at the Regional Board office located at 3737 Main Street, Suite 500, Riverside, California, by appointment scheduled between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after February 15, 2002. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office at (909) 782-4130. These documents also may be viewed on the Regional Board web site at www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb8/.

Public participation is an important part of this process. The Regional Board will accept written and oral testimony concerning the draft Triennial Review Priority List and Discussion of Issues at, or prior to, the April 26, 2002 workshop. Your expedient written submittal will allow the Regional Board to thoroughly analyze your comments before the Regional Board finalizes the priority list. For the accuracy of the record, please provide written copies of oral comments. Comments should be submitted to:

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Comments or questions regarding this matter should be directed to Mark G. Adelson, Chief, Regional Planning Programs, at the address above, at (909) 782-3234 or by e-mail to madelson@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov.

Any person who is disabled and requires special accommodation to participate in the Regional Board workshop should contact Barbara Laffoon at (909) 782-3285 no later than April 1, 2002.